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Ex Parte

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket 96-254

Dear Mr. Caton:

Today, Mike Slomin, Art Reilly, Jim Staats, Louise Tucker and the undersigned representing Bellcore met with Geraldine Matise, Kent Nilsson, Matt Nagler and Greg Cooke from the Common Carrier Bureau's Network Services Division to discuss Bellcore's pleadings filed in the above referenced proceeding. Attached is a copy of the material used during our meeting.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter is being filed with your office. If there are any questions relating to this filing please call the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

**cc: Geraldine Matise
Kent Nilsson
Greg Cooke
Matt Nagler**

QOR TIMELINE

- **7/2/96** **FCC Rules Against QOR.**
- **3/11/97** **FCC Reconsiderations Order reaffirms QOR Decision Docket 95-116 (FCC 97-74).**
- **3/17/97** **Belcore resolves QOR issue in an Issue List Report (ILR) on LNP GR. "FCC Precludes use of QOR" - Belcore work discontinued.**
- **3/20/97** **Committee T1 (T1S1) makes QOR "informative annex" w/note "not intended for US Networks."**
- **3/24/97** **MCI files Reply Comments alleging Belcore abusing GR process by being "obstinate" on the QOR issue by continuing to include QOR in its GRs. MCI Comments Pg. 6-7.**

Bellcore Generic Requirements Evolving to Meet New Client Needs

- **Bellcore GR Process Opened to Comply with TA96**
 - **Bellcore Digest Begins Announcing GR Work, and Providing an “Invitation to Fund and Participate”**
 - **The Digest Begins Appearing on the WWW with Twice-monthly updates**
- **August 1996 Supplement to Bellcore Digest Announces approximately 150 Potential 1997 GR Topics**
- **Bellcore Sponsored Workshops and Industry Meetings Describe Open GR Process, and Planned/Potential GR Work Areas**
 - **e.g. ATM, Interconnection, Reliability and Quality Management System, ISDN, Digital Subscriber Line**
- **In 1996 Non-RBOC Clients Begin Agreeing to Fund GR Development; e.g. Year 2000 GR (GTE, Nortel plus 4 RBOCs)**

Bellcore Generic Requirements

Evolving to Meet New Client Needs (Cont'd)

- **Non-RBOC Companies Have Decided to Fund or Are in the Process of Considering Funding Many Announced 1997 GR Programs**
- **The Generic Requirements Participation Agreement (GRPA) between Bellcore and Individual GR Clients Has Been Changed for Upcoming Work to Reflect the Comments and Ideas of Clients and Potential Clients as to How to Better Meet their Needs, e.g. more information on other funders, more information on early work, more flexibility in signing-up or dropping out, discounts for small companies**

Summary:

The Bellcore GR Process is Open

New Clients Have Funded or are in the Process of Funding GR Developments

The Continuing Ability of Bellcore to Develop GRs Depends upon having the Flexibility to Evolve the Business Aspects of the GR Process to Meet the Needs of those Interested in Funding GR Development